

August 8, 2003

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Chair
Committee on Housing and Community Development
California State Assembly
Capitol Bldg #4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1158**
City Position: Strongly Support

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

I am writing in **full support** of the bill you have authored, **AB 1158**. The City of Santa Barbara welcomes the changes it calls for in conducting regional housing needs assessments. These changes establish a viable process that allows for regional input in measuring our area's housing needs. We also appreciate the flexibility the bill's provisions would offer us in allocating these needs on a sub-regional level.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Marty Blum
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson
Senator Tom McClintock
League of California Cities
Jim Armstrong, City Administrator
Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager
Paul Casey, Community Development Director
David Gustafson, Assistant Community Development Director
Steven Faulstich, Housing Programs Supervisor
John Ledbetter, Principal Planner
City Council Members